SENATE BILL No. 30

## **Introduced by Senator Gaines**

## December 1, 2014

An act to add Section 1708.5.5 to the Civil Code, relating to civil actions.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 30, as introduced, Gaines. Nonconsensual sexual intercourse: minors.

Under existing criminal law, unlawful sexual intercourse is an act of sexual intercourse accomplished with a person who is not the spouse of the perpetrator, if the person is under 18 years of age. Existing civil law makes a person who commits a sexual battery, as defined, upon another liable to that person for damages and authorizes a court to award equitable relief, as specified.

This bill would, under civil law, define nonconsensual sexual intercourse as an act of sexual intercourse between an adult and a person who is not the spouse of the adult, if the person is under 18 years of age.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1708.5.5 is added to the Civil Code, to 2 read:
- 3 1708.5.5. Nonconsensual sexual intercourse is an act of sexual
- 4 intercourse between an adult and a person who is not the spouse
- 5 of the adult, if the person is a minor. For the purposes of this

**SB 30** \_2\_

- section, a "minor" is a person under 18 years of age and an "adult"
  is a person who is at least 18 years of age.